



SUMMER NEWS LETTER

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Annual Meeting of ANSS for New York

The next Annual Meeting of the ANSS is scheduled for December 26 to 30 at New York City. Vice-President Richard Weaver has nearly completed preparing an excellent program. Last minute details need to be finished up. This issue of the NEWSLETTER will give the major aspect of the program. Detailed program will be included in the Fall number.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 26, the theme will be NEW APPROACHES TO CONSERVATION. The speakers, who will present various phases of this subject, are Ted Pettit of the Boy Scouts of America; Dr. William B. Clemens, State Teachers College, Cortland, New York; Dr. E. Laurence Palmer, Education Director of the National Wildlife Federation; and Richard W. Westwood of the American Nature Association.

Following this program there will be a board meeting to which visitors are welcome.

On Friday morning, December 28, the theme will be the Natural History of the New York City Region. Speakers, so far selected by Dr. Weaver and his committee, are Dr. Richard B. Fisher, Cornell University; Dr. Stephen Collins, Rutgers University; and Dr. Roger Tory Peterson.

In the afternoon on Friday with a theme of MAKING NATURE STUDY AND SCIENCE FUN," Dr. Stanley B. Mulaik of the University of Utah; Virginia Eckelberry and Don Eckelberry of Babylon, L. I.; Professor Herman Schneider of the City College of New York; and Dr. Glidden Baldwin of Danville, Illinois will present a varied and highly interesting program.

The annual showing of Kodachromes by members and friends has proved a great annual attraction which will be held Friday evening. Members are urged to bring a few of their choice slides depicting some area, theme, life history, etc. At this meeting, Dr. Malvina Trussell will preside over a discussion of future plans for the ANSS.

On Saturday morning the theme for the program concerns NATURE IN CAMPING. John Wanamaker of Principia College, Elsah, Illinois will preside.

An informal luncheon is planned for Saturday noon at which time there will

also be a board meeting of the ANSS. In the evening the Annual Banquet and induction of officers will take place. The speaker at this banquet is Edwin Way Teale, a past president of the ANSS and noted writer. He will give an illustrated talk on AUTUMN ACROSS AMERICA.

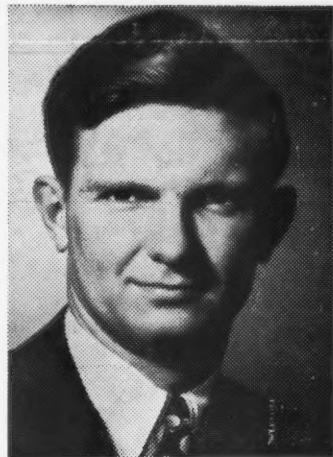
Details for the Sunday field trip are not complete. However, this field trip will be sponsored jointly by the ANSS and the National Association of Biology teachers with Charles Mohr and Ted Pettit as co-chairmen working to complete the details.

We are happy that Dick Weaver has made such fine progress in getting the program so far along, and it will be up to the membership to come to the meeting for good fellowship and instructive talks.

Cope Donates Sanctuary

Members of the ANSS will be happy and thankful to learn that the NATURE CONSERVANCY has acquired the 478 acre Woodbourne Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. This beautiful area contains considerable virgin hemlock forest which should interest the botanically inclined among our members who might be in that area. Woodbourne Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Cope, Jr.

Meet the Treasurer



DR. HOWARD WEAVER

Your good and faithful treasurer, Dr. Howard Weaver, was born sometime ago, though in correspondence he stated he was born July 1, 1956. We doubt that. Dr. Weaver has had a broad training and extensive experience to prepare him for his present position as Assistant Professor in Recreation, and Coordinator of Outdoor Education at the University of Illinois.

He received a B.S. degree in Forestry and Conservation with a minor in education. His M.S. degree was earned at Cornell where he did a major in Science Education and a minor in Zoology. His Ph.D. was likewise earned at Cornell in 1952 with a major in Nature and Science Education and minors in Botany and Conservation.

Dr. Weaver in his present position teaches such classes as Camp Counseling, Principles of Outdoor Education and Recreation.

He has served as a junior and senior naturalist with the Indiana Department

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An Invitation

The American Nature Study Society extends an invitation to affiliate to local groups interested in Nature Study.

The ANSS needs such groups no less than such groups need the strength and prestige which the society can offer. The strength in union is more than fictional. Many problems of a national character relative to our natural resources and nature education programs, workshops and institutes are usually the concern of local groups, but through affiliation with others, concerted action is possible.

Affiliated groups have the right of a vote on the Council which meets during the annual meetings. The concerted thinking of the larger group carries a stimulus to carrying on more effective nature programs.

Forests and Recreation

There is obviously a great awakening to the fact that the American public is seriously in need of preservation of our forest and other natural resources for other than strict commercial use. A new bill just introduced into congress is S. 4096—NATIONAL FORESTS, RECREATION USE STUDY. This bill declares it to be the policy of Congress that public use of the National Forests for recreation is a beneficial and proper use and authorizes the secretary of Agriculture to initiate and carry out "a comprehensive study of the personnel, funds, and other requirements necessary to develop within five years an adequate program for recreational use and wildlife habitat" on the forests. It directs the secretary to report his findings to congress within one year, together with recommendations for legislation.

Wilderness Preservation

Watch for the fate of the bill, H.R. 11751 NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM which would establish on designated public lands a National Wilderness Preservation System and sets

up a National Wilderness Preservation Council. We have reason to believe that such a council would become a watchdog for the benefit of the interests centered in our wilderness areas which today are being eyed too vigorously by commercial interests.

The title of the bill describes it as "for the permanent good of the whole people," and enacting clause says the National Wilderness preservation system is "to serve the public purpose of recreational, scenic, educational, scientific, conservation and historical use and enjoyment by the people."

Senator Humphrey (Minn.) says, "The special value of wilderness is difficult to define, but it is nonetheless real to those who know it. It is an intangible thing sorely missed by a certain stripe of man and deeply needed by others for whom it unfortunately is often an unknown hidden hunger—especially important in these days when pressures of everyday living cause queues at prescription counters for equinol."

Junior Museum

The San Mateo County California Junior Museum is operated specifically to benefit the young people of that county. It is located on the College of San Mateo Campus. Its main attractions include:

1. Permanent dioramas depicting typical wildlife habitats.
2. Temporary displays telling nature stories of seasonal events.
3. "Marineland," a panel of aquaria stocked with many colorful marine forms.
4. Terraria of local reptiles and amphibians.
5. The "Zoo-seum," a living sanctuary where many native birds and mammals may be observed closely.

This junior museum gives children, who are deprived of natural areas for exploration because of rapid urbanization, opportunities to observe nature first hand.

Charles H. Hice is director.

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DISNEY GETS AUDUBON MEDAL

Walt Disney has been one of the more powerful forces in America to bring nature experiences to the American public even though these be vicarious. For his fine service, the National Audubon Society awarded Mr. Disney the Audubon Medal.

Mrs. Jane Geisler, a mother of three fine children writes that she is building an interest in nature with a Brownie Scout Troop. Her educational program to prepare her for better work with the scouts and her children include recent trips to Russel Mills Children's Museum in Massachusetts; Poundridge Reservation Trailside Museum in the Westchester Park System; Trailside Museum, Mountain Side, N. J.; Audubon Center, Greenwich, Connecticut; Bear Mountain Museum, Pallisades Interstate Park, N. Y. With all this she says she doesn't know much nature like the rest of the members of the ANSS! "No apologies. The young people you work with have the best of enthusiastic nature leaders, and thanks for the note."

To the litter-leavers in the back country the LIVING WILDERNESS proposes a slogan *"You CAN take it with you!"* Making its suggestion in an editorial by the same title, the LIVING WILDERNESS says regarding trash: "Why not return it to the urban areas where it was designed and processed and where there are facilities for its disposal? If containers can be carried INTO the wilderness full, they surely can be carried OUT empty and crushed."

Mrs. Irene Spickerman of New Brighton, Pa. lives a full life of activity. Her work as Volunteer Trainer of Girl Scout Leaders is one of her major services. In this program she puts great stress on conservation and nature study. As a member of the Beaver County Training Committee her enthusiasm has a wide influence. Mrs. Spickerman comments on the excellent spring training course for nature leaders given in Wissahickon Trailside Museum, Riverside Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. under the leadership of Dave Hart, Senior Naturalist.

We would like to hear of more of these leader training programs which are having a fine influence on American attitudes toward our resources.

We are happy to learn that Dr. Walter P. Taylor, long a faithful member of the ANSS, is Consulting Editor of THE

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ALFRT, a mimeographed publication designed to supply useable, factual information on conservation problems in California.

We recently learned that the Post Office Department will issue a series of 3-cent wildlife conservation stamps. These should be a fine thing for the letters sent out by nature study members.

The Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of America has prepared a packet entitled "The World Around You" for teachers and youth leaders. Included is a study guide "Our Natural Resources" with six categories including *Soil* by Paul B. Sears, *Water* by E. A. Coleman, *Forests and Grasslands* by Richard Pough, *Native Plants and Wildlife* by John H. Baker, *Non Renewable Resources* by Erick W. Zimmerman and *The Sea* by Rachel Carson.

Numerous ways of improving Nature Teaching are also included in the packet. Over 20,000 of these packets have been distributed. The price is 35 cents each. They may be obtained from the Garden Club of America, 15 E. 58th St., New York 22, N. Y.

The Garden Club is also offering a Youth Achievement Certificate for outstanding accomplishment in community betterment which can develop from a variety of youth conservation programs.

Dr. Walter P. Taylor with the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California, is a staunch supporter of the American Nature Study Society. He tells of a graduate seminar course completed last summer in "Resources for the Future." Attention was centered on soil and water conservation, fire and flood problems, recreation resources, and the necessity of attention to the most important strategic material, namely human resources.

The spring semester will center on relation of plants and animals to the environment with the expectation that light will be thrown on the place of man in his environment. Geography as now explored and taught, he feels, is virtually human ecology.

During several weeks of this summer, a course covering various aspects of conservation with efforts made to appraise the past, present and probable future status of Southern California's natural resources and man's relation to them, will be given.

ANSS MEMBERSHIP

The American Nature Study Society has had a long and honorable career. It is approaching a half century of service as an organization which champions the cause of nature and specifically the Nature Study Idea of Liberty Hyde Bailey, its founder and first president.

The strength of the ANSS rests in its membership which has included the outstanding leaders in the interpretation of Nature to people through teaching, camping, writing, lecturing and photography. Continued strength will be assured by continued unity through membership in the society.

At the Atlanta meeting it was decided to make the vice-president responsible for the program of the annual meeting which this year will be held in New York City. Vice-President Dr. Richard Weaver already has a program blocked out. This arrangement has left Dr. Malvina Trussell, the president, free to strengthen and build the society. The increase in new members and the return of some lapsed members to the society shows that Dr. Trussell has been busy and her work effective. She has, however, had the hearty support of other members who sent her names of candidates and gave her encouragement.

We wish to welcome to the ranks of the society the following members.

Harry H. Bartels 3283 W. 17th Avenue Eugene, Oregon	Sarah E. Flaugh 526 E. Henry Street Meadville, Penn.	Mrs. G. D. Poole 1332 E. Cooper Drive Lexington, Kentucky
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Conservation Notes

Progress is slow in getting adequate funds for national forest recreation and wildlife resources. The Conference Committee on H.R. 9390, the 1957 Appropriation Bill for the Department of Interior and Related Agencies, compromised on the amount they are to receive. For the recreation item, labeled "sanitation and care of public camp grounds" in the Forest Service Budget, the conferees agreed on a figure of \$3,097,250.

MEET THE TREASURER

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of Conservation, Division of State Parks, for seven years. With the Texas Forest Service, Texas A. and M. College system, he served as Associate Forestry Educator from 1951 to 1954. At this position he had the responsibility of preparing and distributing classroom materials in forestry and conservation for elementary, high school and college use in Texas; serving as a forestry and conservation consultant to college classes and workshops, and conducting in-service training in outdoor education for forestry personnel. He likewise worked as a consultant to the school camping program in Tyler and Austin, Texas.

Correlleated with the foregoing activities has been an activity of publications. Such books as *A MANUAL OF FORESTRY*, Texas Forest Service, 1952; *SOUTHERN MANUAL OF FORESTRY*, Interstate Printers and Publishers, Inc., 1954; and a number of bulletins and circulars related to forestry have been published.

While at Cornell he was honored with an Arthur N. Pack Fellowship given by the American Nature Association and a Research Assistantship, School of Education, Cornell University.

His professional organizations find him a member of the Outdoor Education Committee, Illinois Department of Public Institution, Second Vice-President of the National Association of Biology Teachers and Treasurer of ANSS.

One of the key activities of the ANSS is that associated with the treasurer. Dr. Weaver has been very prompt in caring for new memberships, notifying the publishers of the Cornell leaflet, Canadian Nature or Nature Magazine of new subscriptions, notifying those whose dues are payable, and picking up some new memberships. All this is a thankless job which must be done. Members can help by being prompt to send in their dues each year. This will insure an uninterrupted receipt of magazines. With the membership holding up their end as the treasurer is doing, the ANSS will continue to thrive.

SEATTLE MEETING

The programs prepared for the Seattle meetings of the Western Section of the American Nature Study Society held June 12-14 drew a fine audience but not as many as it deserved. The following is the program in brief:

TUESDAY, June 12, 1:30 p.m. — DEVELOPING YOUNG NATURALISTS — Catherine Dunlop, presiding. Several illustrated papers were presented on school camping and other outdoor science experiences for young people.

WEDNESDAY, June 13 was devoted to the all-day field trip to Mt. Rainier with the Ecological Society.

THURSDAY, June 14, began with the Bird Walk in the Arboretum at 5:30 a.m. The list of birds seen totaled about 28. The group breakfasted together at 9:00 a.m. and the annual meeting followed with President Roland C. Ross presiding. The following officers and committee members were elected and appointed for 1956-57:

President Dr. Arthur H. Nelson, San Francisco State College
San Francisco, California

Vice-President and Program Chairman Howard L. Cogswell, Mill College
Oakland, California

Secretary-Treasurer Dorothea Mulaik, Salt Lake City, Utah
Representative of Western Section on Board of Directors, ANSS, Dorothea Mulaik

Representative to Council of Pacific Division, AAAS, Bonnie C. Templeton, Los Angeles, California

Liaison Representative, NABT and ANSS Edith Curry, LaMesa, California
San Francisco, California

Publicity Chairman, 1957 Meeting Mrs. M. S. Nickelsburg
San Francisco, California

The remainder of the annual meeting was devoted to discussion of suggestions to help in planning the 1957 meeting. This meeting is to be held in conjunction with the American Institute of Biological Sciences at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in late August or early September.

THURSDAY, June 14, 1:30 p.m. THE NATURALIST'S STAKE IN THE WILDERNESS — Ruth Hopson, presiding. This meeting was a rare treat of fine photography. Phil Zalesky, Everett, Washington, gave an illustrated talk on A SEGMENT OF OUR WILDERNESS - GLACIER PEAK AREA which was followed by A NATURALIST IN THE GLACIER PEAK AREA by Edith Hardin English of Seattle, Washington.

The annual banquet was cancelled and the group attended the AAAS Salmon Barbeque Dinner held at 5:30 p.m. in Seward Park.

NOTICE

Membership in the American Nature Study Society includes a membership card, a quarterly NEWSLETTER and the following types of enrollment:

Group I — \$2.00 Cornell Leaflet

Group II — \$3.00 Canadian Nature

Group III — \$4.00 Nature Magazine

Group IV — \$4.00 Canadian Nature and Cornell Leaflet

Group V — \$5.00 Nature Magazine and Cornell Leaflet

Group VI — \$6.00 Nature Magazine and Canadian Nature

Group VII — \$7.00 Nat. Mag., Canadian Nature, and Cornell Leaflet

Magazines under group VII subscribed to separately would cost \$9.00. Send application and payment to:

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